

The Ministry of Finance received the following questions in regard to the procedure for conclusion of framework agreements for procedural representation and legal advice.

1. Whether two or three law firms may submit a joint tender to participate in this procedure as a consortium law firm.

2. Whether the consortium may share the professional liability insurance for a minimum of EUR 25 million.

The Ministry of Finance provides the following answers to the questions posed:

The requirements that each law firm must meet in order to be eligible to participate in the tender procedure are set forth in Section II of the Documentation.

Section II of the rules of the tender procedure provides that only "a law firm meeting each and all of the requirements may participate".

The section further provides that the participant should be duly registered "as a law firm in accordance with its national legislation".

In other words, each law firm must meet all the requirements alone.

Consequently, two or more firms may not join in a consortium or in another manner in order to meet the threshold requirement for minimum number of cases or the amount of the professional insurance.